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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE: CONFIDENTIALITY COMPROMISED

REF: STATE 183451

1. POLOFF WAS INFORMED ON JULY 28 BY ROBERTO PELLEYA,
LEGISLATIVE AIDE TO SEN. RICHARD STONE, THAT HE HAD BEEN
SHOWN PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT SOMOZA (REFTEL).

2. PELLEYA SAID SOMOZA HAD TOLD HIM THE LETTER WAS PRIVATE
AND CONFIDENTIAL. PELLEYA ALSO SAID HE HAD READ THE LETTER
AND ALTHOUGH HE DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER SOMOZA THOUGHT THE
LETTER WAS SUPPORTIVE, HE FOUND IT WELL-BALANCED AND
CONSTRUCTIVE.

3. POLOFF ADVISED PELLEYA THAT THE LETTER PROBABLY WOULD
BE HOTLY DEBATED LOCALLY IF IT WERE MADE PUBLIC AND ASKED
HIM TO MAINTAIN THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE MESSAGE. POLOFF
ALSO INDICATED THE LETTER HAD BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY A VERBAL
EXPRESSION OF CONCERN BY AMB WHEN THE LETTER WAS DELIVERED
TO NOTE US VIEW ON SUBSEQUENT DISQUIETING VIOLENT
EVENTS. PELLEYA SAID HE UNDERSTOOD, WOULD MAINTAIN
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THE CONFIDENTIALITY, AND WAS PLEASED THERE HAD ALSO
BEEN AN EXPRESSION OF CONCERN.

4. PELLEYA HAS PROMISED TO CONTACT EMB AGAIN FOR FULL
DEBRIEFING. HOWEVER, IT IS CLEAR THAT HE APPEARS TO
BELIEVE THAT SOMOZA IS TOTALLY UNPOPULAR AND ISOLATED,
AND THAT THE NATCONAL GUARB HAS REVENTLY COMMITTED

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS (JINOTEPE AND SAN MARCOS).
HE FINDS PRIVATE SECTOR AND TRADITIONAL POLITICAL
LEADERS ARE PREPACING TO LAUNCH INITIATIVES TO CHALLENGE
SOMOZA'S CONTROL AND WONDERS WHY THE USG IS NOT BACKING THEIR
EFFORTS. POLOFF ANSWERED THAT THE EMB HAS BEEN WORKING
HARD WITH THE SAME PEOPLE HE HAD TALKED TO TO GET THEM
TO TAKE POLITICAL INITIATIVES RATHER THAN MAINTAINING
A STALEMATED CLIMATE WHICH ONLY LED TO FURTHER VIOLENCE.
THE DISCUSSION OF NEW POLITICAL INITIATIVES MAY BE
ATTRIBUTED AT LEAST IN PART TO EMB EFFORTS. PELLEYA
APPEARED TO ACCEPT THIS ANSWER.

5. EMB RECOMMENDS DEPT CONTACT PELPEYA FOLLOWING HIS
RETURN NEXT WEEK INASMUCH AS HE HAS HAD SEVERAL VALUABLE
CONTACTS SUCH AS THE SOMOZA MEETING WHICH HE CAN DISCUSS.
PELLEYA HAS HAD A CRASH COURSE IN THE NICARAGUAN SCENE
AT A TIME OF EXTREME POLARIZATION. HE MAY NOT HAVE
HAD THE BACKGROUND ON NICARAGUAN POLITICS TO EVALUATE
THE INFORMATION HE HAS PICKED UP, BUT HE DOES HAVE
INTERESTING INFORMATION AND VIEWS.
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